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For every issue of the bulletin, I struggle with what I can say in this short space that will accurately express both what's going on in the Military Police Regiment, how I feel about my role as Commandant and Chief of the Regiment, and where my focus is. As always, I'm extremely thankful for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you on where I think the Regiment is and where I think it should be going. At the same time, I'm slightly saddened that this is likely the last time I'll be able to address you in this forum. In all my years in the Army, in all my different roles, I've found this to be one of the best outlets to communicate with you directly—and one I know I won't have again. That said, I'm happy to report that the last six months have been marked with some outstanding achievements by our Soldiers. Still operating successfully both in the continental United States (CONUS) and outside CONUS, every day our military police bring to bear the power of their training and maturity in their patrols and interactions with local citizens. Every day, more and more combat arms commanders tell us they want more military police Soldiers in their units. I could not agree more.

The focus and consistency this Regiment's Soldiers and leaders maintain is something I am immensely proud of. In the last six months, we've seen some amazing performances from our Soldiers. One example is the Army's Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year, Sergeant Jeremy S. Kamphuis. Sergeant Kamphuis's dedicated leadership, training, and perseverance are a great representation of the warrior ethos in our force. Although his performance has been highlighted in numerous articles and ceremonies, he is by no means an anomaly in our ranks. Rather, he is an example of the amazing quality of Soldier we are developing and producing. At the awards ceremony for the Soldier and NCO of the Year competitions, Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston said, "Why do we do this? [Because] It helps us grow and motivate

our young Soldiers into leaders. This is one of the things that sets our Army apart from any in the world."

Just as what we do sets us apart from the other armies of the world, the work our military police men and women are doing on a daily basis sets us apart from other branches. The most common adjectives we hear describing your performance are "reliable, dependable, mature, respectful, and fearless." I don't know of another group of Soldiers in the Army that has a reputation like yours. Thank you so much for the work you do.

We continue to meld the feedback we get from you into our doctrine and instruction in order to create better products and provide better support to the folks who need it the most. Supporting our troops in the field is still our top priority, followed closely by our second priority of sending our units well-trained and reliable warriors. I don't envision either of these priorities changing dramatically any time in the near future. We are in this for the long haul, and our trainers and leader developers are doing what they do best—working in an environment of fluid and ever-changing doctrine and tactics, techniques, and procedures and producing quality Soldiers and leaders. Our combat developers, the 900-pound brains of this Regiment, are using your feedback to create and adapt products that more readily match your needs in the contemporary operating environment. You're telling us and we're listening.

In the coming pages, you will find another round of great developments and observations about our profession, written by your peers, leaders, and subordinates. I urge you to continue to support mediums such as this and continue to send your feedback to us here at the Home of the Regiment. It is invaluable. Again, thank you for the support you have given me as Chief of the Regiment and thank you for asking me the hard questions. In my two years in this role, you have amazed me, challenged me, and humbled me. I could not have hoped for more. Thank you again for what you do every day.

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